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Commissioner Miller Leads Way in Blood Typing



When Commissioner Miller heard of the Highway blood typing program, he immediately asked to be included among the volunteers for this cooperative program. In the above photo the Commissioner is shown being typed by Dr. E. F. Purcell of the McKinley Hospital staff, while Chester Anderson of the Electrical Division and Mabel Beans of Construction await their turn.

## Blood Typing Plan Meets Approval — Many Volunteer

One hundred and forty men and women of the Highway Department visited Room 207 in the State House Annex on May 9th for the purpose of having their blood typed. In this manner they gave their enthusiastic approval of a program which has for its goal the mutual protection of Highway employees and their immediate families.

Through the cooperation of Doctors E. F. Purcell, W. F. Wittenborn and H. L. Drener of the McKinley Hospital staff, who furnished all necessary equipment, it was possible to type the entire number of volunteers in a two hour period.

### Result of Suggestion

The blood typing plan is the result of a suggestion by George A. Hefferman of the Bridge Division and was brought about when great difficulty was experienced in obtaining donors of the proper blood type for an emergency transfusion for a member of our Highway family.

It has been found as result of this typing that a substantial number of all groups, including the very rare Type 1, can be listed.

### Schedule Fernwood Typing

Arrangements are now underway to conduct a similar typing of employees of the Equipment, Laboratory and Electrical Divisions at Fernwood on Tuesday, June 13th.

Employees who have not yet signified their intention of being typed at this time should notify Mr. Frank Devereux before June 6th if they plan to participate.

The efficient manner in which the typing was carried out is a tribute not only to the doctors and nurses who participated but to the capable assistance rendered by Hefferman, Mabel Beans, John Houman and Eugene Beckner. Through their efforts it was possible to adhere to a strict time schedule.

### 10 Year Club Outing

Final arrangements have been completed for holding the 10 Year Club Annual Outing at Plaag's Grove near Trenton, on Saturday, June 10th. The affair will start at noon and since adequate buildings are available, the prospects for a good time will hold rain or shine. Tickets have been priced at \$1.50 in anticipation of a record turnout and the usual prizes will be awarded for contests of all kinds. Be seeing you.

## SUGGESTION SYSTEM EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

### OVER 20% OF IDEAS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO DATE

The right of petition is one of the basic civil rights of a free people. The right of suggestion derives out of this democratic principle. Certainly today no one would attempt to run a forward looking business, much less a department of government, without welcoming suggestions from employees.

In December, 1942, a Suggestion Plan was introduced into the State Highway Department as one of the new personnel policies. Its purpose was simple and clear. We sought to stimulate a greater interest on the part of the men and women in the Department and in their jobs and improve the general conditions within the Department itself. The initial response was so gratifying that it became necessary to appoint a committee on August 11, 1943 to evaluate submitted suggestions. I am happy to report to you that more than one hundred suggestions have been received to date, which is a splendid indication of the desire of our employees to contribute something tangible to the successful operation of the Department. When it is considered that more than 20% of the submitted suggestions have been adopted as standard practice, it gives concrete evidence of the value of the submitted ideas.

The original committee consisting of A. J. Lichtenberg, Chairman; T. W. Emmons, Fred C. Claus, E. V. Connell, Alex W. Muir, J. L. Hays and W. Carman Davis has been augmented to include Clifford Wear, Samuel Bullock, Ralph Sherman, Philip Voss and Wesley Bellis, so that it may have the personnel necessary to more efficiently serve its purpose. This increase in membership also results in the Newark and Flemington offices of the Department being represented on the committee.

The Suggestion Plan now in operation in this Department has not only functioned with a degree of success exceeding expectations, but it has also indicated possibilities for greater usefulness in public employ. Men and women of the

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### Amateur Night Voted a Success By 10 Yr. Members

Highwayman's Son Killed in Italy

Private Robert H. Lussy, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lussy, of Luxemburg Avenue, Wharton, was killed in action on March 18th in Italy, the War Department advised his parents April 23rd. Private Lussy, whose father worked in the maintenance crew under Foreman LeGrande C. Ely, entered the Army on August 16, 1943, reported to Fort Dix and received his basic training at Camp Croft, South Carolina. He was home on furlough for the Christmas Holidays, returning to Fort George Meade, Maryland, and went overseas to North Africa in January and from there to Italy, where he served in the Infantry. In his last letter to his parents, he related that he was at the Anzio beachhead.

A graduate of Wharton High School in 1941, Private Lussy

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### Equipment Organization Holds Social Evening

On Tuesday, May 3rd, the Equipment Division Employees Social and Welfare Organization met at the Hamilton Fire House in Trenton with president Brooks presiding.

Dan Fitzhenry's record with the Department was one of honest and faithful service and he was held in high esteem by his fellow workers. The men in his maintenance crew attended the funeral services in a body.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Hopper Fitzhenry, he is survived by three sons, William, Howard, and Daniel, Jr.; and two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Carroll and Mrs. Elizabeth Schlichting. There are eight grandchildren.

### Highway Soldier Among First to Land at Salerno

#### Ricketti Wounded at Famous Beach-head

Salerno has become one of the great milestones in the present war. It was here that American troops under the command of General Mark Clark stormed ashore in the face of withering German fire to establish the beachhead that was to play such an important part in the battle of Italy.



FRANK RICKETTI

Among the first to set foot on the beach on that fateful night was Frank J. Ricketti of the Cost Accounting office. With his fellow infantrymen he had transferred fifteen miles at sea from a transport to an LCVP (landing craft vehicle-personnel) and under the cover of darkness started for the Italian mainland.

As they came within reach of the German shore batteries, the sky grew brilliant with magnesium flares and in Ricketti's own words, "all hell broke loose."

Despite the fierce resistance of the enemy, a landing was effected and our troops pushed inland. At a point some 600 yards from the beach Ricketti was hit by shrapnel from an 88, his right leg sustaining a compound fracture and his left painfully injured.

#### At Tilton Hospital

For nine long hours he lay where he fell. Before medical aid could reach him he received further injuries when a machine gun bullet ripped through his left arm. During this time Frank could not help thinking of the coincidence which had caused him to fall within a mile or two of the spot where his grandfather had first seen the light of day at Alta Villa.

Today Frank is convalescing in the Tilton Hospital at Fort Dix after undergoing treatment at army hospitals in Charleston, S. C. and Utica, N. Y. He has now recovered from his injuries to the point where he is able to get around with the use of a cane. While he still limps, Frank feels that he will eventually navigate as well as before.

In recalling some of the many events he has witnessed since joining the infantry in February, 1942, Ricketti says that the most unusual took place during the battle of North Africa at a time when they were waging a seesaw struggle with the crack Afrika Corps.

#### Grapes, Eggs and Figs

On a certain day when fighting was particularly heavy, when big guns were pulverizing the desert all around his fox hole and tanks were being knocked out of action to the right and left, Frank was surprised to feel a tap on his shoulder. Turn-

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## Highway Honor Roll



The following is the list of those entering the Armed Forces of the United States since the last issue of THE HIGHWAY.

Construction  
Benoist, Emile C. .... Navy  
Maintenance  
Farnsworth, Harry .... Navy

## News from Our Men In the Service

### WRITES FROM INDIA

Another member of the traffic line crew, Warren Eltonhead, writes from India to say he has regularly received his copies of THE HIGHWAY and enjoys reading them all. Earl Storer recently sent Warren the addresses of several other Highwaymen who are stationed in India on the chance that he might someday run across them. These men were Hugh Armstrong, son of State Senator Wesley Armstrong, and Jules Megules, Maintenance Foreman.

Eltonhead's address is: Pfc. Warren Eltonhead, 32077869 377 Service Squadron 51st Service Group A.P.O. 629, c/o Postmaster, N.Y.C.

### Meet Claire and Mabel



## GROW MORE-IN '44

After many discouraging delays occasioned by spring rains, the Fernwood Victory Gardens were finally plowed on May 4th and 5th, exactly one month after the first plantings were made last year. But when Saturday the 6th upheld the weatherman's prediction of fair and warmer, Highwaymen of the Trenton area descended upon Fernwood like a troop of commandos, armed with spades, rakes and seeds, intent upon making up for lost time.

So determined were these tillers of the soil not to waste a minute that many of the more farsighted brought along their wives as helpers. The wisdom of this move was soon in evidence, for while the male of the species assumed the social obligations, renewed old friendships and discussed gardening prob'ems with other far sighted neighbors, the little women diligently spaded the behind-schedule garden.

Advice flowed free and fast and many a newcomer listened intently to words of wisdom imparted by "veterans" who last year could not have told the difference between a kohlrabi and a parsnip to save their souls. A case in point was the "freshman" who followed the voice of experience and deeply dug the path surrounding his garden on the theory that drainage was a major problem at Fernwood. The fact that drought was the main worry a year ago had apparently escaped the purveyor of wisdom.

But despite much misplaced confidence, must lost motion and many tired wives, the gardens got off to a auspicious start. Enthusiasm is bound to lag as the hotter weather approaches, but with a halfway decent break from Mother Nature and the continued cooperation of the fair sex, many a Highwayman will look back with pardonable pride on the produce he raised in 1944.

### Editorial Staff of "THE HIGHWAY"



So you would know who writes the various columns of your paper, the entire staff of THE HIGHWAY gathered for the above picture. From left to right in the front row are: Reg Bowen (Electrical Flashes), Abram Watow (Laboratory Lines), Carman Davis, Editor, Art Lichtenberg (Bridge Briefs) and Fred Claus (Construction Comments).

In the rear row from the left are: E. L. Meyer (Projects Paragraphs), James O'Rourke (Equipment Items), Gene Beckner (Maintenance Notes), Arthur Egan (Administration Division) and Ed Drake (Real Estate Reports). Since this photo was taken, two ladies, Claire Laczoni and Mabel Beans, have been added to the staff. Their picture and column appear elsewhere.

### RICKETTI

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ing around he was confronted by an Arab garbed in flowing robes and displaying some eggs, grapes and figs which he was anxious to sell. Wouldn't the soldier like to buy a little refreshments during the battle?—The Arab queried Ricketti was flabbergasted. Here, while two armies were locked in death grips, a native vendor calmly went from fox hole to fox hole hawking his wares. It seemed almost too fantastic.

Then the humor of the whole thing seized him. It was not unlike the ball game back home he thought, and he almost expected to hear the familiar call, "You can't

enjoy the game without a program."

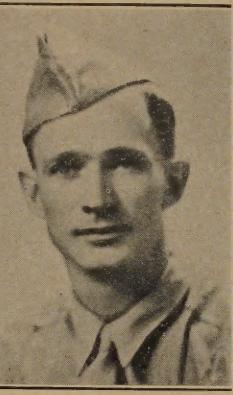
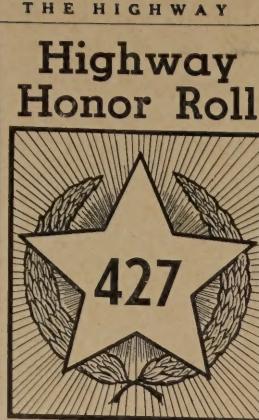
On another occasion, Ricketti recalled how the Arabs bargained with officers for a fee to lead the troops through German mine fields, only too willing to render similar service to the enemy when the opportunity was afforded.

Prior to embarking for overseas this Highway soldier trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., took part in the Carolina maneuvers, and underwent intensive commando training at Camp Edwards in Massachusetts.

### Quotation for May

The secret of success is constancy of purpose—

Disraeli.



ERNEST VAN SCHOICK

Mrs. E. W. Van Schoick sends us a picture and the following information about her husband, Pvt. Ernest Van Schoick, formerly a landscape foreman in northern New Jersey. Ernest is now stationed in Iran, where he is serving as a Specialist Engineer following his training at Fort Belvoir, Va. He is engaged in building roads in that far-off country.

Van Schoick has received a new address to which future mail should be sent: Pvt. Ernest Van Schoick, A. S. N. 32923739, Co. B, 334 Engr. Reg. (S.S.) A. P. O. 680, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

The Montclair Office received an interesting letter from Sgt. Edwin C. Young which reads in part as follows: "I received an application for the Asst. Civil Engineer's examination. Thanks to you, but I think I may be a bit rusty. We don't go in for degrees of curvature or super-elevation over here—not even for boundary closures."

"I am now in Corsica and it seems as if the rainy weather follows us around. It was really getting pretty nice in Italy when we pulled up stakes and came over here."

"This island is very pretty. Did you see the Dec. 27th issue of Life. It had pictures of North Africa and as I was all through those parts I can vouch for their being very true to life."

"There is not much news that I can write. Thanks for the recent issues of THE HIGHWAY."

Eddie's address is: T/Sgt. Edwin C. Young, H&S Co., 845th Eng. Avn. Bn., A.P.O. 528, New York City.

### NICE PET



The little iron toy which dwarfs Harry Stilwell of the Maintenance Division, is one of the new General Sherman tanks. Harry, who before joining the army, was a member of the traffic line painting crew, is now at Camp Chaffee, Ark., with Co. C, 717th Tank Bn. He writes, "Have thoroughly enjoyed this training although it has been plenty tough. Am looking forward to shipping in the near future."

### AMATEUR NIGHT

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jo; Edward McCordell, harmonica, and Carman Davis, violin.

Other acts on the program included piano solos by Laffan and Ray Callahan; a musical novelty duet featuring Dick Snyder on guitar and Callahan at the ivories; the Charles Temperley quartet, in which this fine baritone was assisted by Snyder, Davis and Callahan, and a not too good boogie-woogie duet by Laffan and Davis.

Perhaps the best act of the evening, and one ruled out of consideration for a prize because of professional standing, was the magical performance of Milton Swackhamer. Milt kept his audience fascinated with a sleight of hand exhibition worthy of many a more famous name.

As usual, with affairs of this kind, a spirit of good-fellowship prevailed that could not be downed even during the somewhat lengthy business meeting. From the buffet supper and beer to the motion pictures, the evening can be remembered as a pleasant one by those who attended.

### AS THE CURTAIN RANG DOWN



The entire cast including officers of the club, hog callers, musicians and judges are here assembled in what might be termed the grand finale to the Ten Year Club's Amateur Nite. Seated from left to right are: Archie Perrine, Ed McCordell, Jim Laffan, Ralph Evans, Olie Bearse, Morris Goodkind, Wilbur Spencer and Walter Hannold. Rear row from left: Bob Martin, Bill Van Bremen, Carman Davis, Jack Leedem, Dick Glasco, Bob MacMullin, Ray Callahan, Milt Swackhamer, Dick Snyder, Jos. Schaeffer, Jack Rochford and Harry Davis.

## LABORATORY LINES

Abraham Watov

**Tom MacRorie**, Divisional Material Inspector, was the lucky winner of a \$100.00 War Bond prize at the recent Ten Year Club dinner.

Dr. Hans Winterkorn, of Princeton University, paid us a visit recently and was shown through the Lab, where he inspected the various apparatus and methods used in testing highway materials. Dr. Winterkorn collaborated with Professor Tschebotarioff, also of Princeton University, in giving a course in Soil Mechanics to Highway employees last year. The visit also afforded him an opportunity of greeting several Lab men whom he met while they were taking the course.

Technician 5, **George Goeller**, former Ass't Testing Chemist, has just completed the Chemical Warfare Laboratory Course at the Chemical Warfare Laboratory School at Edgewood Arsenal, Baltimore. He is now attached to the Medical Research Unit of the Office of the Chief of Chemical Warfare Service. George paid us a visit last week and looks fine.

**Lt. Joe Reed**, former Ass't Testing Engineer of the Lab, has just been promoted to a captaincy, and has been assigned to the Air Force Base at Boca Raton, Fla.

**Gene Anderson**, clerk typist of the Lab, has just received word of the safe arrival of her husband, who is with a field artillery unit, at a base in the South Pacific.

**Pvt. Ed Baumann**, former Asphalt Plant Inspector of the Lab, is now somewhere in Italy, right in the thick of things.

The boys of the Lab are all in the midst of their Victory Garden planting and the discussions concerning same are a very popular topic these days.

## ELECTRICAL FLASHES

REG BOWEN

**John Potanik**, on the Little Ferry Bridge, is confined to the Bergen Pines Hospital in Paramus. Employees of this Division wish him a speedy recovery.

Although **James Durkin** has advised the boys on the Shark River Bridge that he missed the seashore, we can report that he feels more at home in the big city. Jim, formerly an Attendant on the Belmar-Shark River Bridge, has been transferred to the Hudson and Manhattan Bridge in Newark.

Attendants **William Bolton**, Little Ferry Bridge, and **Lloyd Gomm**, Northern District, relief, have reported back to work after a short illness, whereas **Harry Lewicky**, Attendant on the Little Ferry Bridge, is recovering from a back injury.

Three months leave has been granted to **Herman Grasing**, Northern District Relief Attendant, because of his wife's illness. We hope that through his attendance, Mrs. Grasing will soon recover.

**George McGinnis**, Seaman 1/C, and **Dick Goldy**, Electrician's Mate 1/C, of our Fernwood force, have reported to Bainbridge, Maryland, for their strenuous boot training.

The April meeting of the State Bridge Employees Association was held in Newark with **Don Henderson**, Supervisor of Drawbridges, being the guest of the evening. Don congratulated the group for the co-operative activities of the organization and outlined in a very interesting manner the reclassification of the bridge employees. The \$25 war bond drawing of the Association was won by the lucky **Joseph Smith** of Bradley Beach, Central District attendant. The following nine employees were admitted to membership: **John Willett**, **Edward Bloodgood**, **Charles Sherman**, **Frank Walling**, all from Morgan Bridge; **James Reilly**, **George Murray**, **Patsey Tressito** from North Jersey; **Harry Batchelder** from Tuckahoe; and **John Rozanski** from Camden. It is planned for the May meeting to be held in South Jersey.

## MEET THE GANG



Capable engineers in the above photo are the members of the Newark Survey and Plans office who look back on an average of 16 years employment with the State Highway Department. For this reason they should be known to many, but for the benefit of those who have not had the pleasure of meeting them before, they are, left to right, back row: **Maurice Urdang**, **Ed. Houghton**, **Ralph Perry**, **H. L. Gorntzky**, **Neil MacDougal**, **A. M. Patterson**, **H. J. Lange**, **Ott Fritzsche**, **Morgan Hand** and **Stephen Strait**.

Seated, we have: **W. M. Kays**, **Andrew Byrne**, **Louis Van Bergen**, **Alex Desimone**, **Bertram Vreeland**, **W. M. Hasburg** and **Lewis Harvey**. **MacDougal** is chief of the office and, true to his Scotch name, golf is his hobby. From the tales that have reached us, Neil acquits himself nobly on both greens and fairway.

**Fritzsche** is the office income tax expert and his skill in translating the double talk of income tax instruction forms has saved more than one man in this group from facing the consequences of his own interpretations.

**Byrne's** ability to brew an excellent cup of coffee has been utilized each day at the office lunch counter to the satisfaction of all, while **Harvey's** "after hours" interests center around his chickens. Because of this he has become known as a "poultry engineer" by his fellow workers.

Every group of this size has its photographer and in this instance the gentleman in question is **Urdang**. In fact, the above photo testifies to his skill with the camera. He managed to get in the picture himself by using a delayed action shutter.

**Vreeland**, the babe of the group in point of service—5 years—matches his stock market analysis against the wolves of Wall St., with better than average success, while **Hasburg** studies the Wall Street Journal religiously for reasons as yet undetermined.

Two of these men, **Kays** and **Gorntzky**, recently transferred to Survey and Plans from the Northern Construction Division. Both fit nicely into the scheme of things as a result of their construction experience.

Bowling naturally would have its enthusiasts in a group of men such as these, but it is seldom that one runs across a kegler as unpredictable as **Desimone**, who, on a recent occasion, rolled consecutive games of 111—214—117.

**Patterson**, with his Florida vacations; **Lange**, who recently purchased a new home in Maplewood; **Perry**, a deacon in the Newark Church of Dr. Lester Clee; **Hand**, a weekly commuter to his Ocean City home; and **Houghton**, an advocate of poker as well as the old adage, "Silence is Golden," are others who find much to interest them in their spare time.

By strange coincidence the youngest looking man in the office is the possessor of the largest family. We refer to **Van Bergen**, who already boasts of three children and looks to the future with confidence.

No thumb nail sketch would be complete without a word about the real veteran of the group, **Steve Strait**. Steve is the only 25 year man in the office and is famed far and near as an authority on mixing cocktails of just the right proportions. He can be seen in action most frequently at the Union Elks where his talents are truly appreciated.

**S. G. Link** is the only member of the office now serving with the armed forces although eight of the field men are in various branches of the service.

Let you get the impressions that extraneous interests occupy a large part of the waking hours of these men, let us hasten to add that individually and collectively they are experts in road design and construction, backed by a record in which we can all share pardonable pride.

## PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

**Mary D'Arcy** is reported as recovering slowly but surely after her recent operation. We understand that she is now sitting up and is taking a slight amount of exercise, but it probably will be quite a while before she returns to work.

**John Ruhlmans** birthday was celebrated in the office with a very fine cake having at least a dozen candles on it, and a huge bag of peanuts. The cake lasted only a few minutes, but the peanuts are still in evidence—especially on the floor.

**Ed Snyder** is back at his desk in 211 again, feeling and looking much better after a couple of weeks rest.

**Dick Glasgow** didn't win any of the War Bonds this year, but he did receive a handful of War Savings Stamps as second prize for his performance at the 10-Year Club's amateur night.

**Captain John W. Thomas** has suffered a serious injury to his right index finger. Part of a heavy safe fell on his hand, cutting the finger and severing two tendons.

John had completed his schooling at Fort Monmouth and has now been given command of a company. He is expecting to be moved sometime soon, but until then his address is: Capt. John W. Thomas, 3122 Sig. Port Service Co., Camp Edison, N. J.

**Bob Mac Mullin** played quite a part in getting together the talent for the recent 10 Y. C. shindig and from all accounts he succeeded in corralling many of the organization's more talented members for the occasion.

## Highway Library—An Accepted Suggestion That Works



Acting Assistant State Highway Engineer E. E. Reed is but one of many Highwaymen who find the departmental Library a source of ready reference. On many occasions, when in search for information, he deals ext. 354 and requests a particular book or pamphlet from the list of available volumes.

Having received the request, Chief File Clerk Ernest Birch, who doubles as librarian, loses no time in locating the desired reference work. Proper library procedure requires that certain notations be made and then this book will be on its way. Willett, ext. 354 and requests a particular book or pamphlet from the list of available volumes.

Within a matter of minutes from the time he phoned in his request Mr. Reed receives the desired reference work, delivered by Miss Sarah Shulman of the file room. We'd call this Service with A Smile and recommend it to those who have occasion to refer to any of the hundreds of books, journals and pamphlets now on file in the library.

Your M. C. presents—

THE LADIES...  
Bless Them

That you can't keep a good woman down has been proven by Theresa Gasser RYAN who, despite the man shortage, has ventured into matrimony for the second time. The dinner given in her honor at the Carteret Club, on April 17th, was a huge success. The vegetable soup, chicken cutlet, candied sweets, ice cream and coffee, served, mind you, on Lenox china, could very well have delighted the most exacting or gourmets. This was evidenced by the fact that nary a word was uttered by the forty-four girls who did justice to it aent calories, waistlines, or the shortage of "Look well in Built-Well" foundations. From the latest bulletins on the wedding, your "M.C." reports that the bride wore cocoa brown and Betty Meskill stood by in beige to see to it that the couple said their "I do's" properly. Added attractions . . . green orchids and pink camellias respectively . . . Sounds scrumptious! We take this opportunity to officially wish Mr. and Mrs. Ryan the best of luck and long-lasting happiness.

When Joseph Mumolie left to accept a position at the Court House, the "Lab" girls gave him a grand send-off with a party at the Locust Grill. We hear that a good time was had by all.

We are happy to hear that Ella Moore is among the Victory Gardeners who have returned to Fernwood this year to "Grow More in '44."

Jean Anderson has thus far contributed to the blood bank for the ninth time. Nice work, Jean!

In case you've been wondering, the reason for Mabel Beans' brilliant smile these days is her husband's return from England. Some girls have all the luck!

Another happy girl is Leah Jaekles, whose husband has recently been home on furlough. Leah tells us they visited in Buffalo, but did not include a trip to Niagara in their itinerary. It only goes to show that some people don't need atmosphere!

The men have taken to biting their nails since Jennie Majeski seems intent upon winning the baseball pools at the Laboratory.

Helping Ruthie Moran with her packages the other day, we discovered how she feels about having her "hubby" home. Placed carefully atop her groceries was "angel food" cake!

We hear that since Miriam Devilin's nasty sprain, Marie Cristian has been driving her to and from work. A model pair of defense workers in their fight against "absentee-ism"!

Two other victims of the "underfoot movement," June Nelson and Marilyn Siddall, have also been limping the corridors.

Book item for this month—Your "M.C." recommends "Valley of Decision" by Marcia Davenport designed especially to appeal to the distaff side.

Bye now—

**Son Of Department Employee Reported Killed In Action**

(Continued from Page 1) starred on the school's basketball team and was named to the All-Morris County team that year. He attended the Luxemburg Presbyterian Church and before entering the army was employed by the Wright Aeronautical Corporation in Paterson. Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Dorothy, who is in nurse's training at the Passaic General Hospital. On behalf of his fellow employees, we extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Lussy and his family, and with him take pride in the courage and fortitude displayed by his son whose tragic death brings nearer to home the supreme sacrifices being made on our behalf by young Americans the world over.

## BRIDGE BRIEFS

A. J. LICHTENBERG

This informal shot shows **Morris Goodkind**, our Bridge Engineer, and his grandson, Michael Norman, age nine months. The youngster is the son of Captain and Mrs. Herbert Goodkind.



MORRIS GOODKIND

Since last November Mr. Goodkind has been associated with the War Department as a consultant on military bridges from pontoon to suspension. Design of this type presents problems radically different from those involved in the construction of bridges for civilian use and recourse is often made to models in overcoming particularly knotty solutions.

"Goodie" returned to full-time duties with the Highway Department on April 15th subject to immediate recall, should the occasion arise.

**BRIEFS:** **Jack Everett** is now in the 101st Battalion, which is a salvage and harbor dredging unit. He keeps up his department contacts through THE HIGHWAY and reports a pleasant hour each month with its familiar names and events. At present Jack is in Hueneme, Cal. . . . With one exception, all past presidents of the Ten Year Club attended the Spring Meeting. **Crammer, Lichtenberg, Davis, Claus, Hunt, Kucker, Dix, Carpenter, Card and Palmer.** **H. Kramer** was unavoidably absent.

**Mel Vail** was in for a visit and lunch with **R. B. Titsworth** and **C. D. Weller** while enroute from Berry's Creek Route S-3 to a new assignment of three trestle jobs on the Little Egg Coast Guard Station Access Road . . . **Albert E. Lee** recently on the Route 25-A Passaic River exploratory boring job and **H. R. Gabriel** similarly occupied on the Route S-3 Passaic River crossing. Borings have been completed and dry samples are in the office . . . **L. C. Peterson** on the important committee studying re-design of approach slabs for bridges. A departmental suggestion based on mudjacking difficulties led to the appointment of the committee.

**Hedin to Petersen** (in a serious discussion on structural design) "You see, I'm flirting with high stresses" . . . **Morris Goodkind** serving as a judge at the Ten Year Club amateur night and doing a hang up job . . . **Sven Hedin** voted in as a member . . . **Stae Kanyuh** rounding out 16 years on May 16th and lamenting the fact that women cannot join the T. Y. C.

## SUGGESTION SYSTEM

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Department show a genuine desire to participate in the affairs of management, particularly those matters leading to improved conditions. They like the plan of submitting ideas based on their knowledge, experience and observations. They welcome the mental challenge which seems to say to them, "See here—I have been in this Division a good many years, I also want to contribute a thought of mine in the hope that it may be used as Departmental improvement."

They have confidence in the plan and in the impartiality shown by the Committee. They know that their identity is lost until the suggestion is evaluated on its merits.

Our Suggestion Plan goes well beyond most of those used in industry in its democratic administration, its sympathetic approach to new ideas and to its determination to exhaust every possibility in submitted suggestions. No stone is left unturned in an endeavor to assess the true value of an idea, and qualified individuals from within and without the Department are called upon to render specialized advice or criticism. Every person in the Department, as a suggestion, is afforded every oppor-

tunity to offer additional data or extend your idea more fully if there is any indication of rejection. Sometimes an idea is deferred for future consideration when it is felt that the time may be more propitious or when a trial period is indicated before adoption or rejection can be indicated. Periodically suggestions originally rejected are reviewed in the hope that they may be applicable today in view of changed priority conditions or Departmental policy.

This June, in accordance with our custom, Certificates of Merit will be awarded to those whose suggestions are judged to be of especial value.

In the meantime, everyone is invited to avail himself or herself of the opportunity for service through the Suggestion Plan. Its dividends may be measured not only in personal accomplishment and unselfish service, but in value to the Department.

—**SPENCER MILLER, JR.**  
State Highway Commissioner

## REAL ESTATE REPORTS

ED DRAKE

The Bureau of Appraisal & Negotiations enjoyed a roast chicken dinner at the home of **Herman Kramer** on Wednesday evening, April 26th. The following were in attendance: **John W. Aymar, John J. Walklet, Harry Beilinson, Morris Balbresky, William R. Hancock, Adrian C. Lincoln, Thomas W. Stewart, Mitchell Dawes**, and their host, Chefs Hancock and Kramer did a fine job of preparing the meal. The chicken was browned and flavored in a manner which would be a credit to the chefs of Waldorf-Astoria.

The employees of the Title Bureau enjoyed the home-coming of **Tony Esposito**, Pharmacists Mate 3rd Class, stationed at South Portland, Maine. **Jim Kondas** from Norfolk, Virginia, and **Frank Chiarello** from Fort Slocum, New York.

Welcome back to **Frances Martin** and **Lillian Naples** who have recovered from their recent illnesses and have returned to their Highway duty.

**J. Layton Prout**'s son, Lieutenant Gordon Prout, broadcast over short wave to his parents from a German prison camp somewhere on the Baltic sea. Many letters were received by Mr. and Mrs. Prout from interested people all over the country informing them of the broadcast.

**William (Highway Willie) Masterton** would like to inform all of his friends in the Trenton office that he is contemplating taking a short course in penmanship. Better stick to the typewriter, Willie.

An early morning bird has reported **Jim (Bart) Laffan** strolling on the boardwalk in Atlantic City at 5 a. m. on the morning of April 23rd.

We congratulate **Dorothy Blinn** who passed first on the list in the promotion exam. for Junior Search Clerk.

## CONSTRUCTION COMMENTS

Fred C. Claus

### Upper Montclair

**C. A. Matthews**, our right-of-way expert, recently welcomed a one man military expedition from the west. His son, Cpl. C. S. Matthews, was home on furlough from Camp Crowder, Mo., where he is a member of a Signal Corps photography unit.

**A. C. Lincoln** was fortunate enough to have both of his twin sons home at the same time. Adrian, Jr., is an A. A. F. cadet at Syracuse University, while brother Arthur is an infantryman.

**Howard Rigby**, acting chief of the Upper Montclair office, took a week's vacation at Easter. The grapevine reports that Howard's absence had something to do with spring housecleaning. This suspicion has been given weight by the fact that Rigby is showing unmistakable symptoms of housemaids knee recently.

### Flemington Office

**Emile Benoit** left the Flemington office to enter the navy as a Seaman 2/C on April 8th and thus joins his son, David, in this branch of the service. David, incidental-

## Maintenance Notes

GENE BECKNER

The need for such a plan as that of **George Hefferman** for typing the blood of all Department employees was amply demonstrated in this Division just the other day. **Florence King**'s sister was seriously ill in a Philadelphia hospital and required a blood transfusion. Several fellow employees in the Trenton office volunteered, but very few of the volunteers knew their blood type. Without knowing in advance whether or not their type of blood would be satisfactory, the trip to Philadelphia seemed inadvisable. Fortunately, the old reliable blood donor, **Charlie Hunt** of the Projects Division, knew his type and arrangements were made for his transportation to Philadelphia where he gave the transfusion. Although still hospitalized, **Florence**'s sister has shown considerable improvement following the transfusion.

Blood doping has been in the fore recently. **Herman Breustedt**, whose injury was reported in our last issue, required several transfusions. Practically all of the men in his crew under **Foreman George Behn** volunteered, but only two were required. **John Kaiser** and **Jonas Letts** gave blood for Mr. Breustedt. Several days later Mr. Kaiser's generosity was rewarded when three other members of this same gang gave blood to his wife who was hospitalized in a serious condition. The three donors on this occasion were **George Behn, Watson Barber**, and **William Brown**.

Mildred Floel, daughter of Mrs. and Landscape Foreman **Fred Floel**, recently enlisted in the Waves.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Michael Ondy, Jr.**, whose father died on Thursday, May 4th.

Sgt. Wm. H. Suphin, Jr., son of **Landscape William Suphin**, of Mt. Holly, was recently awarded the first Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. Sgt. Suphin is the top turret gunner on the flying fortress "Ground Pounder," operating out of an Eighth AAF Bomber Station somewhere in England. The citation, "For exceptionally meritorious achievement . . . over enemy occupied Continental Europe."

**Jim Dowling** got another note from **Capt. George McCann**, U. S. Army Engineers, the other day. We were pleased to note George's comment, "Sure do look forward to the 'Highway' each month as it brings me home for an hour or two." George is stationed over in Iran.

**John Schafer**, of **Fred Floel's** landscape crew, is still confined to his home with illness. The boys in the gang all hope that "Preach" will be back to work soon.

**Paul Ljutich**, of the Trenton office, enjoyed a day's fishing recently out on Princess Bay, Staten Island. The net results were six nice flounders, a good sunburn and one broken ear. The mishap occurred just as the fishermen

**Davis Howell, Werner Sonntag, Paul Sefrin** and **Clarence Fogg** have been regular attendants at the evening classes of the School of Industrial Arts throughout the winter.

**Sam Bullock** gave his fourth pint of blood when the Red Cross Blood Bank visited Flemington on April 10th.

The office here is still waiting for **Paul Sefrin** to put on a treat with the \$2 bill he recently picked up along Route 39 while his party was staking.

**Trenton**

The deepest sympathy is extended to **Cyril Wimpenny** and to the members of his family upon the recent passing of Mrs. Wimpenny.

To fill the vacancy resulting from **Charlie Ahr's** entry into the Navy, **Tommy Russo** has been transferred to this division. It will

reach their destination well out in the bay. They had quite a trip back—half rowing and half paddling.

There's a reason for that smile **Bob Green** is flashing these days—new uppers! Now all we need is to have **Roy Bensel** part with **Faith, Hope, and Charity** as he has affectionately dubbed his last three uppers.

**Tony Kuhn**'s son, Bill, now a Quartermaster 3C, USN, was transferred recently to the west coast and is now believed enroute to active duty in the South Pacific. Bill is a member of a PT Boat Squadron.

## Administration Division

ARTHUR EGAN

Mr. and Mrs. **Otto Peterson** were guests of members of the Cost Department honoring Otto prior to his entering the Naval Service. The party was held at Roman Hall on April 20th. Otto was presented with a leather migratory case, which incidentally migrated before Otto had time to inspect it. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, those attending included **Ann Quinn, Anna Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rosso, Evelyn Maley, Helen Disbrow, Anna Harkins, Nellie Leip, Amy Applegate, John Moore, Arthur Egan, Edward Downs, Paul Crammer, John Egan, Edward McElroy, Frank Dunn, Elgin Mayer, Thomas Russo, Andrew Brown, Marvin W. Howell, Harry Geller and Charles Kuhn**.

**CHATTER: Marilyn Siddal** severely sprained her ankle when she slipped in the second floor hall . . . We understand there were three sprained ankles among the fair sex in the Department within a week. All are reported completely recovered . . . **Frank Kimble** was another accident victim when his head and an opening door collided. The door needed no attention. This seems to be accident or illness week . . . **Marvin Howell** is nursing a severe sore foot.

**Grover Wheeler** was recently called to New England by the illness of his sister. We are pleased to report that she is on the road to recovery and has returned to her Newark home . . . **Bill Kramer** of Cost Department is ill at his home in Washington, N. J., and may be away from the Department for some time. We wish Bill a speedy recovery and will be glad to see him back on the job again . . . **Tech Sgt. Lew Ulla**, formerly of File Room, now of Fort Jay, New York, renewed acquaintances in the Department recently.

From Hyde Park, New York, we hear a gripe from **Pvt. Tom Harcar**, who complains of not enough news from Purchase and Stores Department. Sorry, Tom, we can only report what we hear or someone passes along to us . . . Perhaps some of your old pals down stairs will pass along the news as it happens. We will gladly include it in the column. After all, it makes our job that much easier. Incidentally, Tom, one of your pals, **Joe Russo**, has finished boot training and has been assigned to a ship.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. **Clyde Case** have been surprising their bridge opponents, Mr. and Mrs. **Ken Rice**, Mr. and Mrs. **Cliff Wear**, and Mr. and Mrs. **Bill Wildblood**. Seems that Clyde and the "Mrs." have been walking off with honors at the last few parties and the other boys are beginning to get worried . . . **Frank Ricketti** has now received a Medical Discharge from the Army. Frank hopes to enroll in a college and study dentistry . . . **Leonard Leighton**, Flight Engineer, has just completed a round-trip flight to the Hawaiian Islands . . . Welcome to **Betty Oroz**, the newest addition to the Cost Department.

It will be remembered that **Charlie**, in turn, had been filling the vacancy left by **Ben Stokes** after Ben went into the Army. When the war is over and the absenteers return, the employees of this division might be faced with the unpleasant experience of receiving 3 checks every pay day. For the present, however, welcome to **Tommy**—and we're counting on you to deliver that one check on time.

Upon completion of his "boot" training, **Charlie Ahr** stopped in for a friendly visit. He looks grand and claims that boot training wasn't near so bad as he had imagined it would be. We knew it

## EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE



GEORGE VISOKAY

**George Visokay**, Fernwood Blacksmiths Helper and now Blacksmith 2nd Class, U. S. Navy, has completed his training at Great Lakes and is looking forward to assignment with the fleet.

**Visokay**, who fought professionally under the name of **Young Sacco**, tried his hand at boxing while at Great Lakes, and despite his 32 years he K.O.'d his opponent in the regimental championship bouts in the 2nd round.

**George** was most enthusiastic about navy life and was looking forward to gaining valuable experience in his profession while serving as a member of a repair ship's crew.

In the past **Bob Kreps**, Mechanic, had many tales of World War 1 to tell to his offspring, **Bob, Jr.** Now that young Bob has completed two years with the Marines in the South Pacific, during which time he has been in the thick of things, **Bob, Sr.**, is the one who does the listening.

He recently heard how young **Bob**, a Pharmacist Mate 1st Class, home on his first furlough, took care of **Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker** and party following their 22 days on a life raft in the Pacific.

**Jack Brower**, Fernwood auditor, has returned to work following a siege resulting from a ruptured appendix. He expects to be his old self within a short time. Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

We recently learned that **Jimmy Flavin**, former senior Stock Clerk and now a Storekeeper, 3rd Class in the Sea Bees, has been hospitalized in a West Coast Naval Hospital for the past month with stomach trouble.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome three new members of the Guard Force at Fernwood. These men who were appointed from the Civil Service list for that position are: **Thomas Huddy, Frank Di Biase** and **John Kowalski**. They reported for duty on April 16th.

**Morgan Van Hise**, Chief Inspector, is feeling mighty proud these days of the fact that his son, **Morgan, Jr.**, has received his wings at Moody Field, Georgia. As a full-fledged pilot he is now looking forward to active duty. Congratulations.

On April 18th a flagpole was installed at the Vineland garage and flag raising ceremonies were conducted by **Joe Havron, Dick Raab, Frank Compton, Ray Helbling, Don Lear and Lew Dilks**.

wouldn't be, for Charlie can take things in his stride. May you have smooth sailing from here on out fella!

Hurry and get that house purchased, **Johnny Madden**, for we're all waiting to start you out right with the housewarming party we hope you will throw.

We haven't heard from **Ollie Doll** or **Frank Armstrong** in quite a while; but whatever they're doing we're sure that many an interesting tale will be told upon their return. At last report Doll was still in England and Armstrong in Australia.